

# Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed 09/02/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 2.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach or suggest a folding table for a wheelchair, comprising a mounting base including at least one hole through which a fastener extends, fixing the mounting base to a first arm of a wheelchair, the mounting base including one tube having a hole, a shaft extending through the hole of the one tube, the shaft including a first end and a second end, a stop being mounted to the second end of the shaft, an arcuate plate extending from a side of the stop and adapted to be disposed in contact with a bottom portion of the first arm of the wheelchair, a connecting member including a first hole and a second hole, the first end of the shaft being received in the first hole of the connecting member, and a folding plate assembly including a rod, a first plate, a second plate, and a third plate, the rod including an end having an outer diameter slightly smaller than an inner diameter of the second hole of the connecting member, the end of the rod being mounted in the second hole of the connecting member, the first plate including a first side with a connecting portion to which the rod is fixedly attached and a second side, a screw hole being defined in a bottom of the connecting portion, a pivotal block including an eccentric rod threadedly engaged in the screw hole allowing the pivotal block to move to between a first position for retaining the folding plate assembly in place and a second position releasing the folding plate assembly, a plurality of first rings being provided on each of two ends of the second side of the first plate and having aligned holes, the second plate including a first side and a second side each having two ends, a plurality of second rings being provided on each end of each of the

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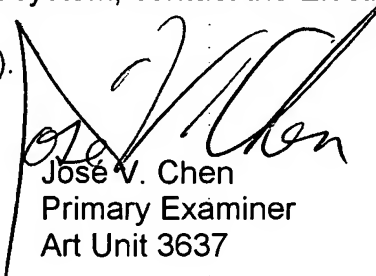
first side and the second side of the second plate and having aligned holes, with a first pin extending through the holes of the first rings of the second side of the first plate and the holes of the second rings of the first side of the second plate pivotally connecting the first side of the second plate to the second side of the first plate, the third plate including a first side and a second side, a plurality of third rings being provided on each of two ends of the first side of the third plate and having aligned holes, with a second pin extending through the holes of the second rings of the second side of the second plate and the holes of the third rings of the first side of the third plate pivotally connecting the first side of the third plate to the second side of the second plate, an overall length of the first plate, the second plate, and the third plate in an unfolded state being larger than a distance between the first arm and a second arm of the wheelchair.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to José V. Chen whose telephone number is (571)272-6865. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f, m-th 5:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (571)272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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